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### 1. Jurisdiction and Service

This is primarily a civil rights case brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1983. Plaintiffs LEROY CISNEROS, AND FRANCISCO GARCIA ("Plaintiffs") claim that the County Defendants<sup>1</sup> and the District Defendants<sup>2</sup> violated Plaintiffs' federal and state civil rights, as well as committed various state law torts, when Plaintiffs were arrested while picketing adjacent to a construction site located on Castro Valley High School grounds. Plaintiff UNITED UNION OF ROOFERS, WATERPROOFERS, AND ALLIED WORKERS – LOCAL 81 AFL-CIO (the "Union") is Plaintiffs' employer. Federal question jurisdiction is asserted. All defendants have answered the complaint. The District Defendants intend to file and serve a cross-complaint for contractual indemnity against Robert A. Bothman, Inc. the general contractor.

### 2. Facts

On the morning of May 15, 2007, Plaintiffs, employees of the Union picketed adjacent to a construction site located on the grounds of Castro Valley High School (hereafter the "School"). The School was having a new sports complex constructed (the "Project"). Plaintiffs assert that were conducting lawful informational picketing of a roofing subcontractor, Legacy Roofing, a non-unionized business, which had been hired to do roofing work for the Project. Plaintiffs arrived in the morning, before school began, and as part of their picketing, erected a 10-12 foot tall inflatable rat. Defendants assert that the inflatable rat straddled the sidewalk and was partially on school grounds. The picketing took place in a busy intersection on a sidewalk adjacent to school grounds nearest the entrance to the Project. Plaintiffs assert that the picketing took place on a public sidewalk whereas defendants claim that Plaintiffs were picketing on and immediately adjacent to school grounds. Plaintiffs assert that the picketing was peaceful, and protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the National Labor Relations Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SHERIFF GREGORY J. AHERN, in his official capacity; TIMOTHY J. VALES, DAVID A. DRISCOLL, ROBERT LAPOINT, and DAVID MCKAIG, collectively hereafter the "County Defendants."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CASTRO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT; JO A. LOSS, KUNIO OKUI, JOHN BARBIERI, JANICE FRIESEN, and GEORGE GRANGER, SUPERINTENDENT JAMES FITZPATRICK, SUSAN GOLDMAN, MICHAEL MILLER and JERRY MACY, collectively hereafter the "District Defendants."

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Defendants assert that the picketing was in violation of Penal Code Section 626.8 (disruption of peaceful school and student activities).

District Defendants allege that, while on her way to work, District defendant, Associate Principal Susan Goldman saw the picketers and the inflatable rat. District Defendants allege that Ms. Goldman observed that students were forced to step off the sidewalk into traffic in order to get around the picketers and the rat. District Defendants further allege that Ms. Goldman also saw that the picketers blocked the sidewalk and the rat distracted drivers, some of whom were dropping students off at the School. District Defendants allege that, due to the safety hazards, the District contacted the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Two Alameda County Sheriff's deputies (defendants herein) arrived and spoke with the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs were asked to deflate the rat, which they did, and cross the street. Defendants assert that Plaintiffs were asked to leave school grounds. Mr. Garcia crossed the street, but Mr. Cisneros remained where he was. Both men were ultimately arrested, and their property, including a video camera, still cameras, picket signs and a letter from Union attorneys, were taken. Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' property was seized incident to their arrest. Mr. Garcia and Mr. Cisneros were both arrested for violating California Penal Code section 626.8, and Mr. Cisneros was also arrested for resisting arrest pursuant California Penal Code section 148(a)(1). Both men were released later that day (Plaintiffs allege it was almost 11 hours after their arrest), Mr. Garcia on his own recognizance, and Mr. Cisneros after posting bail. No further action was taken against them, although Plaintiffs believe that the County Defendants referred this matter to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

The principal factual issues in dispute are:

- whether the plaintiffs' conduct posed a safety hazard to students and drivers and was otherwise disruptive to school activities;
  - whether the individual sheriff's deputies' conduct was appropriate; b.
- whether the District defendants had any involvement at the scene of the arrest and/or directed the activities of the deputy sheriffs; and

whether Plaintiffs were picketing on or adjacent to school grounds and

- whether there was probable cause for the arrests;
- whether the picketing activity was lawful;
- whether any state or federal constitutional rights were violated here;
- whether there is any policy, pattern or practice on the part of any entity defendants to violate civil rights, i.e. Monell liability;
- whether any individual defendants are entitled to qualified immunity;
- whether there was any conspiracy to violate civil rights;
- whether any state civil rights laws were violated:
- whether any state torts were committed; and
- whether Plaintiffs were held in custody for an unduly prolonged period of

No motions have been filed. The District Defendants intend to file and serve a crosscomplaint for contractual indemnity against Robert A. Bothman, Inc. the general contractor. The District Defendants intend to file a motion for summary judgment.

#### 5. Amendment of Pleadings

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Plaintiffs have not currently stated any intent to amend the pleadings further.

#### 6. **Evidence Preservation**

The parties are not aware of any evidence preservation problems regarding evidence in The parties have agreed to and have taken measures to preserve any their possession. electronically stored evidence that they currently have.

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## 7. <u>Disclosures</u>

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The parties have not yet made their Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) disclosures to each other. They will do so by the date set forth in Rule 26(a).

### 8. Discovery

None of the parties have conducted any discovery. The parties initially intend to conduct the discovery necessary to adequately prepare for the mediation of this case, scheduled to take within 90 days of July 11, 2008. The County Defendants anticipate that this discovery may include taking the depositions of the two individual plaintiffs and propounding written discovery seeking information regarding this incident and regarding similar incidents alluded to by plaintiffs' counsel. Plaintiffs anticipate propounding written discovery and conducting depositions of individual defendants. The District Defendants will propound written discovery and take depositions as necessary to obtain information regarding the incident and to follow up on the allegations that the District has interfered with picketing on other occasions.

9. <u>Class Actions</u> – This is not a class action.

### 10. Related Cases

There are no related cases.

### 11. Relief

Plaintiffs seek to recover monetary damages, statutory penalties, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs. The Defendants request that Plaintiffs take nothing by their complaint, and Defendants seek recovery of their costs and such other amounts as the Court deems just.

### 12. Settlement and ADR

The parties have agreed to conduct a mediation of this case within 90 days after July 11, 2008, pursuant to the Court's order referring this matter to early mediation.

# 13. Consent to Magistrate Judge for All Purposes

Plaintiffs consented to proceeding before a Magistrate Judge. The County Defendants did not consent.

### 14. Other References

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This case is not suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a special master or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

#### 15. Narrowing of Issues

Currently the parties are not aware of any issues that can be narrowed, however discovery has not commenced.

#### 16. **Expedited Schedule**

The parties do not believe that an expedited schedule is appropriate.

#### 17. Scheduling

The parties to this Joint Case Management Conference Statement request:

A trial date of October 27, 2009.

A pretrial conference on Monday October 12, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

An exchange of witness and exhibit lists by September 25, 2009

Initial expert disclosure by all parties by no later than July 29, 2009

Rebuttal expert witnesses disclosed by August 28, 2009

The parties disagree on a deadline for the non-expert discovery cut-off. Plaintiffs propose a non-expert discovery cut-off deadline of July 31, 2009. Defendants propose a non-expert discovery cut-off date of May 1, 2009. Plaintiffs believe that a discovery cut-off date of May 1, 2009 would not give them sufficient time to conduct discovery. Plaintiffs are prepared to agree to a later trial date and expert witness disclosure so as to accommodate Defendants' request that disclosure of experts occur after the close of non-expert discovery.

The parties disagree on the deadline to hear dispositive motions. Plaintiffs propose a deadline for hearing dispositive motions of Monday, August 31, 2009. Defendants propose a deadline for hearing dispositive motions of Monday, June 29, 2009.

#### 18. Trial

Both parties request a trial by jury. The parties anticipate a 5-8 day trial.

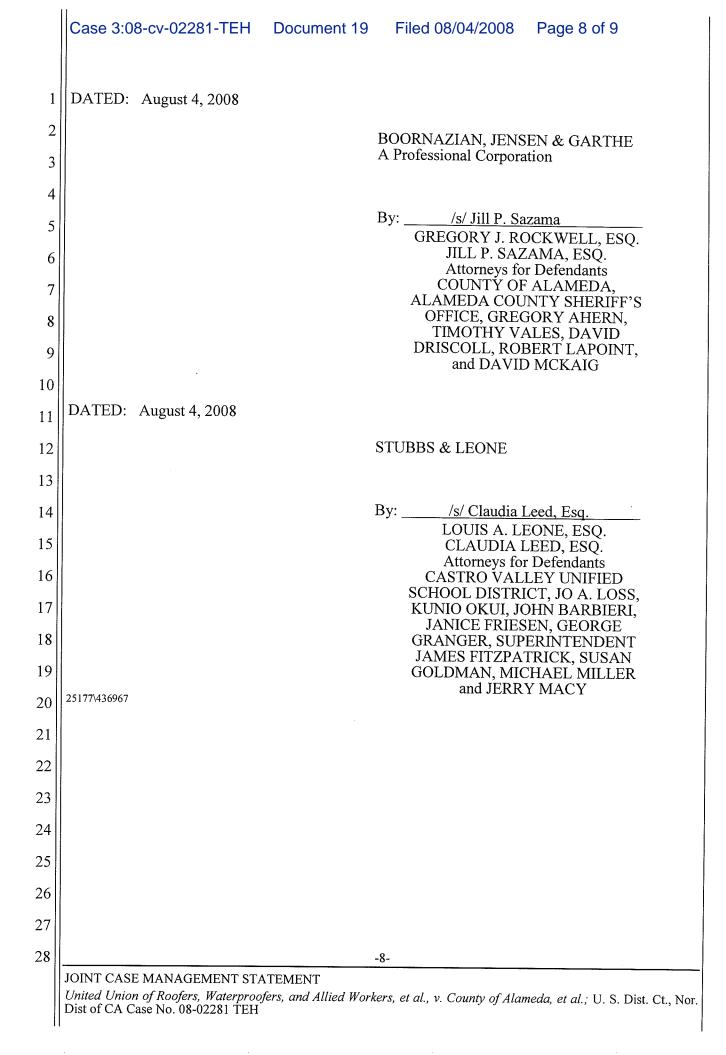
#### 19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons

The County Defendants and District Defendants are public entities and so are not required

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